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1. Prior to his political liquidation, Milovan Djilas had numerous followers among the intellectuals, not only in the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia (FCY), but also among the general public. Party intellectuals sympathized with Djilas' ideas because they hoped that, should these ideas prevail, they would have a greater voice in Party affairs and have the opportunity of replacing the uneducated and incompetent ex-Partisans now holding good Government positions. Leading personalities in the economic sphere welcomed the ideas of Djilas because they saw in their adoption the possibility of liberating the Yugoslav economy from Party and police interference and the elimination of inefficiency and incompetency. Nationalists welcomed the Djilas theories because they considered them the first step in the disintegration of the FCY.

2. Djilas apparently was supported by Aleksandar Rankovic at one time.

3. It was not difficult for Kardelj to liquidate the Djilas movement, since even the Party intellectuals regarded the Djilas program as vague and confused. Djilas, an impractical theorist, did not have the time to formulate his program clearly and to organize his numerous sympathizers in the Party.

4. The situation in Yugoslavia now precludes any political activity on the part of Djilas. However, the majority of his sympathizers still cherish his ideas secretly. They realize that Djilas lacks support from the West.

5. Edvard Kardelj is attempting to replace all District Committee members who manifested sympathy for the Djilas ideology at the time of its

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publication. Djilas sympathizers who have lost their posts include Mihajlo Svabic,<sup>2</sup> Political Secretary of the FCY Belgrade City Committee, and Zivota Piric, chairman of the Kraljevo District Council.

1.  **Comment:** Spasoje Djakovic is listed as a member of the Central Committee of the Federation of Communists of Serbia.

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2.  **Comment:** Mihajlo Svabic is listed as a member of the Central Committee of the FCY, as well as the Central Committee of the Federation of Communists of Serbia.

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